

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Shinichi OKITA

Application No.: 10/594,836

Filed: July 18, 2007

Docket No.: 129559

For: ALIGNMENT CONDITION DETERMINATION METHOD AND APPARATUS OF THE
SAME, AND EXPOSURE METHOD AND APPARATUS OF THE SAME

**TRANSMITTAL OF POWER OF ATTORNEY AND
STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 3.73(b)**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Power of Attorney from the Assignee.


In compliance with 37 CFR §3.73(b), the undersigned hereby states that NIKON CORPORATION is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment from the inventor of the patent application identified above. A copy of the assignment is attached hereto and is concurrently being submitted for recordation.

The undersigned is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.36(a), submission of this Power of Attorney revokes any powers of attorney previously given.

**ALL CORRESPONDENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION SHOULD
BE SENT TO OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC, CUSTOMER NO. 25944, TELEPHONE
(703) 836-6400.**

Respectfully submitted,



Mario A. Costantino
Registration No. 33,565

Jeffrey R. Bousquet
Registration No. 57,771

MAC:JRB/jdb
Date: July 18, 2007

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY
TO PROSECUTE APPLICATIONS BEFORE
THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Assignee Name and Address: NIKON CORPORATION
Fuji Bldg., 2-3 Marunouchi 3-chome
Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100 Japan

appoints the patent practitioners associated with Oliff & Berridge, PLC Customer Number 25944 to represent it before the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with any and all U.S. patent applications assigned to the above-named assignee.

The undersigned is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

**ALL CORRESPONDENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION
SHOULD BE SENT TO OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC, CUSTOMER NO. 25944,
TELEPHONE (703) 836-6400.**

July 8, 2004
Date

Takao Watanabe
Signature

Typed Name: Takao WATANABE

Title: Vice President, Core Technology Center

ASSIGNMENT

(1-8) Insert Name(s) of Inventor(s)

(1) Shinichi OKITA (5) _____

(2) _____ (6) _____

(3) _____ (7) _____

(4) _____ (8) _____

In consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration paid to each of the undersigned, each undersigned agrees to assign, and hereby does assign, transfer and set over to

(9) Insert Name of Assignee (9) NIKON CORPORATION

(10) Insert Address of Assignee (10) 2-3, Marunouchi 3-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8331, Japan

(hereinafter designated as the Assignee) and Assignee's heirs, successors, assigns and legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest for the United States of America as defined in 35 U.S.C. §100, in the invention, and in all applications for patent including any and all provisional, non-provisional, divisional, continuation, international, confirmation, substitute and reissue application(s), and all Letters Patent, extensions, reissues and reexamination certificates that may be granted on the invention known as

(11) Insert Identification such as Title, Case Number, or Foreign Application Number (11) ALIGNMENT CONDUCTION DETERMINATION METHOD AND APPARATUS OF THE SAME, AND EXPOSURE METHOD AND APPARATUS OF THE SAME

(Attorney Docket No. 129559)

for which the undersigned has (have) executed an application for patent in the United States of America on even date herewith or

(12) Insert Date of Signing of Application (12) _____ on _____

(13) Alternative Identification for filed applications (13) U.S. application Serial Number 10/594,836

filed July 18, 2007

1) Each undersigned agrees to execute all papers necessary in connection with any application and any continuing, divisional or reissue applications for the invention, and any patent(s) issuing thereon, and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications and patents as the Assignee may deem necessary.

2) Each undersigned agrees to execute all papers necessary in connection with any interference which may be declared concerning any application or continuation or division thereof, or any patent or reissue application based thereon, for the invention, and to cooperate with the Assignee in every way possible in obtaining evidence and going forward with such interference.

3) Each undersigned agrees to execute all papers and documents and perform any act which may be necessary in connection with claims or provisions of the International Convention for Protection of Industrial Property or similar agreements.

4) Each undersigned agrees to perform all affirmative acts which may be necessary to obtain, maintain or confirm by reissue or reexamination a grant of a valid United States patent to the Assignee.

5) Each undersigned authorizes and requests the Commissioner of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to issue any and all Letters Patents of the United States resulting from said application(s) to the said Assignee, as Assignee of the entire interest, and covenants that he has full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that he has not executed, and will not execute, any agreements in conflict herewith, and agrees that this assignment is binding on him and his heirs, successors, assigns and legal representatives.

6) Each undersigned hereby grants the firm of OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC the power to insert on this assignment any further identification that may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this document.

In witness whereof, executed by the undersigned on the date(s) opposite the undersigned name(s).

Date	<u>Jun. 29, 2007</u>	Inventor Signature	<u>Shinichi Okita</u>	(SEAL)
Date	_____	Inventor Signature	_____	(SEAL)
Date	_____	Inventor Signature	_____	(SEAL)
Date	_____	Inventor Signature	_____	(SEAL)
Date	_____	Inventor Signature	_____	(SEAL)
Date	_____	Inventor Signature	_____	(SEAL)
Date	_____	Inventor Signature	_____	(SEAL)
Date	_____	Inventor Signature	_____	(SEAL)

This assignment should preferably be signed before: (a) a Notary Public if within the U.S.A. (b) a U.S. Consul if outside the U.S.A. If neither, then it should be signed before at least two witnesses who also sign here:

Date	<u>July 5, 2007</u>	Witness	<u>Yasuhiko Nishi</u>
Date	<u>Jul. 5, 2007</u>	Witness	<u>Takashi Shibuya</u>

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Attn: OIPE

Shinichi OKITA

Group Art Unit:

Application No.: 10/594,836

Docket No.: 129559

Filed: July 18, 2007

For: ALIGNMENT CONDITION DETERMINATION METHOD AND APPARATUS OF
THE SAME, AND EXPOSURE METHOD AND APPARATUS OF THE SAME

REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF PALM RECORDS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Attached is a Supplemental Application Data Sheet on which errors have been corrected. These errors are being brought to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office so that it may correct its records.

Respectfully submitted,



Mario A. Costantino
Registration No. 33,565

Jeffrey R. Bousquet
Registration No. 57,771

MAC:JRB/jdb

Date: July 18, 2007

OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC
P.O. Box 19928
Alexandria, Virginia 22320
Telephone: (703) 836-6400

<p>DEPOSIT ACCOUNT USE AUTHORIZATION Please grant any extension necessary for entry; Charge any fee due to our Deposit Account No. 15-0461</p>
--